

127. (New) The method of claim 126, wherein:
the moving step is carried out with the ultrasound beam being rotated.

128. (New) The method of claim 126, wherein:
the moving step is carried out by moving the ultrasound emitting element.

129. (New) The method of claim 126, wherein:
the moving step is carried out with the ultrasound emitting element being tilted.

REMARKS

Claims 115-129 are pending in this application. Claims 1-25, 31, 33, 34 and 40-63 have been canceled. Applicants submit that new claims 115-129 read on the elected species.

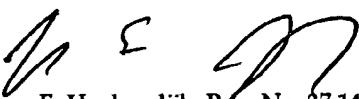
The Examiner requested a listing of related applications with similar disclosure or relevant claims. Applicants submit herewith a listing of related applications. Applicants note that atty docket nos. 003-006, 003-006C2, 003-006C3, and 003-006c4 all have similar disclosures to the present application.

Claims 40-63 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-15 of copending Application No. 09/699,215. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer to obviate any such rejection over the pending claims which are directed to the same elected species.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conversation would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-412-3322.

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